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**Supplemental
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10/772,893

Examiner

KELLY GAMBETTA

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to the amendment after non-final of 8 June 2009.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1,3,4,6-8,10-12,14,15,17,18,20-22,24,26,27 and 29-32.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* Certified copies not received: _____.

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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
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 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.

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6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

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DETAILED ACTION

Due to a typo concerning claim 24 on the PTOL-85 form and the allowable subject matter, this supplemental notice of allowability is issued. The typos have been corrected per the applicant's request. Please see the notice of allowance of 30 September 2009 for other attachments (Interview summary, PTO-892) that are not included here.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Justin Brask on 24 September 2009.

The application has been amended as follows:

Please cancel claims 38, 39, 41 and 42.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1, 3-4, 6-8, 10-12, 14-15, 17-18, 20-22, 24, 26-27, and 29-32 are allowed. Upon further review of the prior art, it was found that Bernashel et al. (as previously cited in other office actions) did have only one nitrogen concentration peak, but it was near the interface closest to the substrate and not near the film's surface, as claimed. Upon further searching, It was found that other prior art (for example, Hao et al. US 5939763) did teach a nitrogen concentration peak at the surface of the film using RTP, but failed to teach only one nitrogen concentration peak in the film as claimed. Hao et al., and other similar prior art, teaches two peaks – one at the surface of the film and one at the interface of the film with the substrate or any other underlying films. Though there is motivation present to add a nitrogen concentration peak at the surface as taught by Hao et al. to the film of Bernashel et al., there is no motivation present to combine the one peak process of Bernashel et al. with the two peak process of Hao et al. One of ordinary skill in the art would not be motivated to simply replace the peak near the substrate with the peak near the surface without adding another peak near the substrate. Therefore, alone or in combination, the prior art does not meet the limitations of the claims.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to KELLY GAMBETTA whose telephone number is (571)272-2668. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Thursday 7:00-5:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Timothy Meeks can be reached on (571) 272-1423. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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